

## Where is Indonesia?



Indonesia is a nation made up of 17,508 islands located in Southeast Asia above Australia but below the Philippines and Thailand. About 6,000 of those islands are inhabited. The main island is Java where the capital, Jakarta is located. Indonesia is the world's fourth most populous country.

## Highlights of the Trip

- Working in a variety of schools with a variety of students.
- Lot of chances to experience the culture of Indonesia and partake in tourism outside of schools too
  - Bali Temple Dance
  - Tradition dinners
  - Time in Kuta Beach and Ubud, Bali, Indonesia
  - Chance to travel to other Southeast Asian countries while there



If you are interested in the Indonesia FEEP program for next May, contact Tim Hornsby at [Hornsby.9@osu.edu](mailto:Hornsby.9@osu.edu) or Adrian Rodgers at [Rodgers.50@osu.edu](mailto:Rodgers.50@osu.edu). Or attend on of the upcoming information sessions for STEP students:

- November 2--1:30-3:00 in Arps 384
- November 5—4:5:30 in Pomerene 280

## Exploring Indonesia: A Tour Through Schools and Culture



My STEP Signature Project was the Indonesian First Education Experience Program (FEEP) Abroad in which I had the opportunity to travel to Bali and Jakarta to explore Indonesian culture and school systems. While in Indonesia we visited six total schools that served populations ranging from the poorest classes of Indonesia to some of the wealthiest people in the world. While we spent the majority of our time working and observing these different schools, we also got the opportunity to explore many different aspects of the Indonesian culture and heritage. The combination of academic and cultural experiences really enabled me to gain a fuller understanding of the lifestyle and people that make up the diverse country of Indonesia.

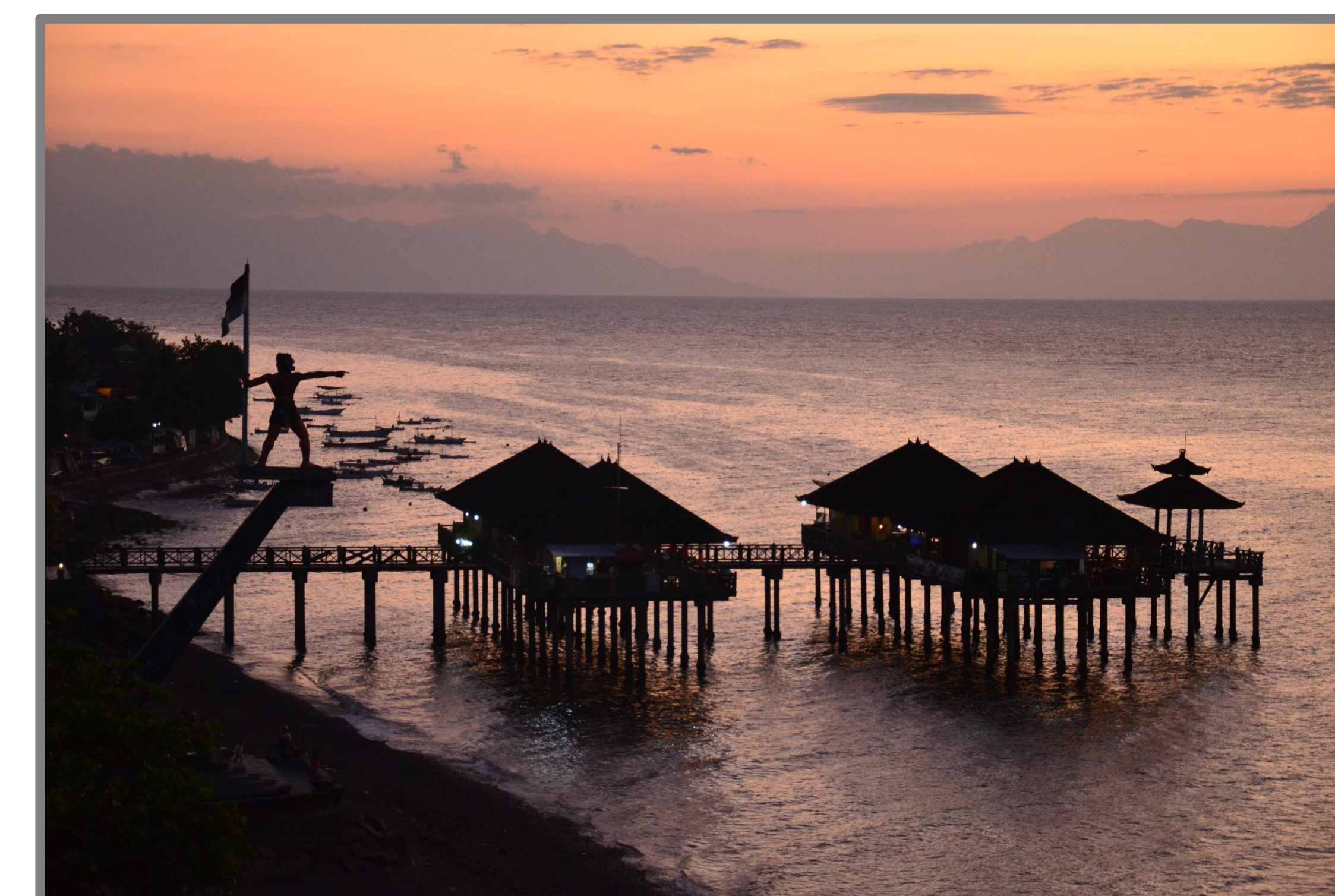


## Schools Attended

- Bali Academy
- Green School
- Sampoerna Academy
- Kartini School
- Sekola Dasar Negeri (Deaf Village School)
- Singaraja Elementary



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Major: Early Childhood Education

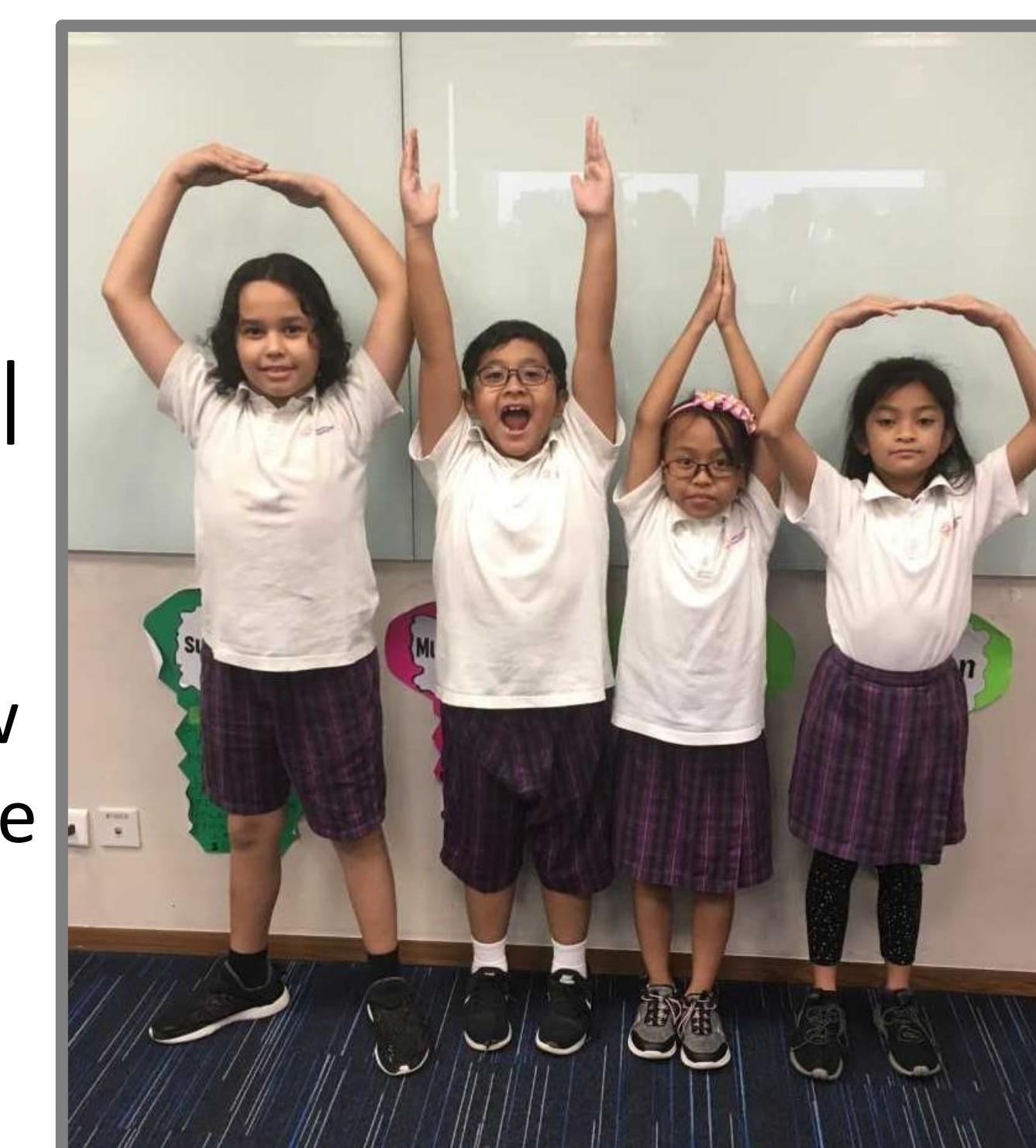


## Why I chose this project:

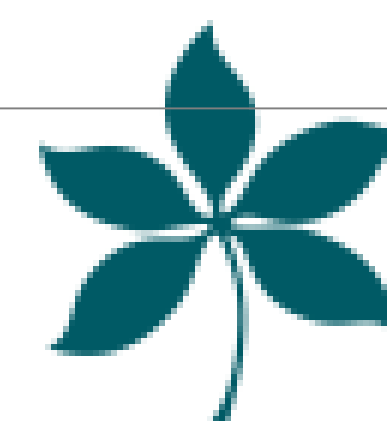
- Early Childhood Education major
- To gain perspective on school systems in different countries.
- Chance to go to a country I probably would not have gone to on my own!

## Impacts & Transformational Aspects

- Learning about a new culture and way of life
- Lasting connections with people from around the globe.
- Experience working with diverse students from a range of socioeconomic statuses, religions, and ethnicities.
- A greater understanding of student needs and ways to teach that I can take into my future career as an educator
- Better understanding of how learning happens outside of the classroom in everyday life
- Knowledge about how to incorporate communities into school curriculum.



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